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Letter dated 22 July 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 8 July 2008 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Nepal to the United Nations (see annex), in which he requests an extension of the mandate of the United Nations Mission in Nepal for an additional six months from the date of the expiration of its current mandate on 23 July 2008.

I should be grateful if you would bring the letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **Ban** Ki-moon

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Annex

Letter dated 8 July 2008 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Nepal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to convey to you and through you to the United Nations sincere gratitude on behalf of the Government and people of Nepal for the support and facilitation provided through the United Nations Mission in Nepal (UNMIN) to our nationally driven peace process. With the successful holding of the Constituent Assembly elections on 10 April 2008 and the declaration of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal by the Constituent Assembly at its first session, we have now embarked upon a new era of consolidation of peace, democratic stabilization and an inclusive approach to economic development in the country. We are committed to accelerate the task of nation-building within a democratic political framework, with the support of the international community.

As we look back, we are pleased to note that with the successful holding of the Constituent Assembly elections, some of the mandates relating to UNMIN as laid down in Security Council resolution 1740 (2007) have already been accomplished.

The remainder of the mandate relates to the ongoing work of monitoring the management of arms and army personnel in line with the agreement among political parties and assisting in implementing the agreement on the management of arms and army personnel pursuant to their understanding. In view of the further evolution of the situation in the country towards the successive consolidation of the peace process and the understanding among the political parties to take this process forward to its logical conclusion, the Government of Nepal would like to request of the United Nations the continuation of UNMIN, at a smaller scale, to engage in the remainder of its mandate for another period of six months from the date of expiry of its current mandate on 23 July 2008.

(*Signed*) Madhuban P. **Paudel**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.